





# President's Report

## 會長報告



As 2011 has approached, my proud days in serving you members as the President of the HKIS of the Council Year 2009-10 had come to an end. With the concerted effort and selfless contribution from fellow members, the Institute has moved forward both locally and internationally. The credits should go to the Office Bearers, General Council, the Executive Committee, six Divisions, Boards, Committees, Working Groups, Task Forces, Panels and your support. The subsequent paragraphs will highlight some of the works we had accomplished in Council year 2009-2010.

2010 was the year of regeneration for the world economy. As Hong Kong is still recovering from the financial tsunami, numerous issues surface, which pose both challenges and opportunities for the territory. As a caring organization and professional institute, we are committed for the betterment of the surveying profession and society. Apart from meeting regularly with government officials and other professional institutions, the Institute and our members participated in activities such as media interviews, attending LegCo meetings, organizing conferences, participating in forums to disseminate and exchange surveyors' view on a whole array of issues, such as housing policy, urban renewal, building safety and environmental policy. During the Council year, the Institute submitted its opinions and comments on various subjects, from Ordinance revision to environmental and housing policy. You can refer to the appendices for these submissions. As a caring organization, we have not forgotten the needs of the community while serving our members. This can be demonstrated by our volunteer and charity works and the subsequent provision of voluntary services to the general public. There are many examples of our volunteer and charity activities, such as the voluntary services organized by

our building surveyors after the tragic collapse of the building on Ma Tau Wai Road, charitable CPD events after the Qinghai earthquake, Project SPARKLE and participation in UNICEF Charity Run 2010. Through these efforts, we have exhibited immense concern for the community and a high level of professionalism.

### Improving Communication

#### With members

As at the end of November 2010, the HKIS had a total membership of 7,705, with a corporate membership of 5,026. Improving communications with members and the community have been identified as one of the Institute's short and medium term objectives. One of the means to achieve this is to revamp our website. It is potentially the most frequently used means of communication between the HKIS and its members, as well as the first point of contact between our institute and the community. The enhancement achieved good progress in the year. Members will find a new look to our Institute on the internet in the near future. Our new website will have more functions and a larger capacity. Keep tuned in.

CPD is an effective channel to communicate updated knowledge among members. By the end of November 2010, 111 CPDs were organised with experienced speakers on a large number of topics covering all Divisions. With the same consideration, events, conferences and publications were also launched for members' participation or collection. These include:

#### Events

- HKIS Diploma Presentation (8 June 2010)
- HKIS Annual Dinner (2 November 2010)

## Conferences

- LSD Conference on Spatial Data Infrastructure (18 March 2010)
- HKIS Annual Conference (4 September 2010)



- Building Surveying Division Annual Conference (30 October 2010)
- The Sixth Cross-Strait-Four-Places Land Conference (29 to 31 October 2010)



## Publications

- HKIS Guide to Good Property Management Practices
- General Specification for Maintenance Works in Residential Buildings
- Benchmarking of Management Fees for Office Buildings in Hong Kong

Besides communicating with members on professional activities, the Sports Committee led by Mr Lesly Lam has done a great job in forming a number of sports teams. Through the sports activities and participation of our teams in various

competitions, team spirits have been developed amongst our members in a joyful way. These activities have also established close friendship between our members and members of our sister institutions. Our Sport Committee has been very successful in engaging young members to participate in activities of our Institute and develop a sense of belonging. The Sports Committee has contributed a big way in improving communication amongst members of the institutions.

## With the Community

We also invest in strengthening communication with the community at large. Through closer ties with the media, the Institute was better able to convey its professional views and opinions to the public on issues of public interest, such as housing policy, building safety and building maintenance. The result is encouraging. The number of media clippings by the end of November 2010 exceeded 230, doubling its coverage in the preceding year. Media training was also provided for the HKIS spokespersons to improve their skills in reacting and speaking to reporters.

Communication with academic institutions that provide academic training to our future members is one of the major tasks of our Institute. The six Divisions together with the Board of Education paid a series of visits to the three universities offering surveying courses in Hong Kong, namely City University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and The University of Hong Kong to exchange ideas and information on academic and professional requirements of their curricula. We also delivered career development talks to students. With the changing needs and practices in the industry, such collaboration will continue in the upcoming years.

## Global vision

Although we are a local organization by name, our vision has always been global. Over the last 12 months, we have continued to collaborate with relevant professional organizations outside of Hong Kong. These activities have raised the international profile of our Institute and will certainly benefit our members, who are increasingly mobile geographically in this era of globalization. The highlights include:

- Signing of reciprocity agreement with the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors in April 2010.



- Participation in paper presentation and the election of new FIG President in the FIG Congress 2010 by a HKIS delegation of 10 members in April 2010.
- Participation in the 42nd Annual Conference of the Building Officials Institute of New Zealand by BSD representatives.
- The re-election of Mr Raymond Chan, past president of the HKIS, as a member of the Board of Governors in WOBO World Congress in Mexico in April 2010.
- HKIS YSG representatives attending the National Education Course organized by the Peking University in Beijing with 23 delegates from other HK professional institutions.
- The "green property management" exhibition in the 4th Exposition on Green Construction and Energy Conservation in Fuzhou in June 2010.
- Participation in the exchange and friendship activity of HK, Guangdong and Macau surveyors in Zhanjiang in July 2010.
- Attending the 7th International Cost Engineering Council World Congress & 14th Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors Congress in Singapore in July 2010.
- The signing of the Supplement to the Reciprocity Agreement with the China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Agents in September 2010.
- Attending the 20th anniversary ceremony of China Engineering Cost Association and its Congress in Beijing in September 2010.
- Participation in the 25th Pan Pacific Congress in Bali by GPD representatives in September 2010.

### Strategic Planning

As part-time volunteers to serve the Institute, we seldom have the opportunity to stand back and offer a critical review on the challenges and opportunities

the HKIS is facing, which is the reason why a retreat was organized at the beginning of the year. Many excellent ideas came up during the retreat. These ideas helped the General Council draw up a preliminary master plan for the future development of our Institute. To ensure continuity and facilitate the implementation and continuous review of these outcomes, we have established a Strategic Planning Committee led by the Senior Vice President Mr Peter Wong. The work of the Strategic Planning Committee is very important, as it allows us to deal with the longer term strategic issues that can only materialize over multiple terms of office, such as the appointment of a CEO/Secretary General, the relocation of offices, and so on. These issues are expected to be followed by the able hands of the next Council(s) on which I will continue to contribute.

### Words of Appreciation

I cannot take credit for the works that have been done in the past 12 months. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues in the HKIS, in particular the Office Bearers, Executive and General Council members, and the Administrative Office for their unfailing support and assistance in helping me to discharge my duties as the President of the HKIS. I would also like to thank my family for their support. During my term of presidency, I felt guilty for not able to spend as much time as I would like to with my family. I am indebted to their understanding and patience. It has certainly been an unforgettable and educational experience in my life. It is my honour to have the opportunity to serve you. May I wish the next Council another fruitful year in 2011. Thank you.

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